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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9860

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ETRD, EAGR, AR
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SUGAR DATA

REF: STATE 066941

1. FOLLOWING ARE BEST ATTEMPTS AT ANSWERING QUESTIONS IN
REFTEL:

A. COST OF PRODUCTION PUT AT ABOUT 15 CENTS PER POUND, EX MILL
BUT UNABLE TO OBTAIN VARIABLE VERSUS FIXED COSTS.

B. CURRENT PRICE TO PRODUCER AVERAGES ABOUT 4,500 PESOS PER TON
FOR CANE AND WITH YIELDS AT 9.0 PERCENT AND EXCHANGE RATE OF
335.0 PESOS EQUALS U\$S 1.00 WOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO 5 CENTS PER POUND
TO PRODUCERS AT FARM. MILLS PAY FREIGHT AND PRODUCER IS PAID
70 PERCENT AT TIME OF DELIVERY AND 30.0 PERCENT WITH INTEREST
WITHIN 180 DAYS.

C. CURRENT WHOLESALE PRICES ARE 141.52 PESOS PER KILO FOR
WHITE SUGAR AND 148.52 PESOS FOR REFINED SUGAR OR 19 TO 20
CENTS PER POUND. DOMESTIC RETAIL PRICES VARY BY QUALITY
AND STORE, BUT ARE BETWEEN 150 AND 180 PESOS PER KILO
OR 20 TO 24 CENTS PER POUND.

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D. AVERAGE UNIT VALUE OF 1975 EXPORTS WAS \$603 PER TON OR
27 CENTS PER POUND AND AVERAGE UNIT VALUE OF 1976 EXPORTS
WAS \$284 OR 12.9 CENTS PER POUND.

E. CURRENT EXPORT PRICE AROUND \$220/230 PER TON OR 10 - 10.5
CENTS PER POUND. UNABLE TO OBTAIN PRICES ON PREFERENTIAL
SALES.

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